zers to bridge the gap between assessed demand and indigenous production of fertilizers.

(c) Since fertilizer is a critical input for our agriculture, its import is unavoidable

(d) The following quantities of different fertilizers are likely to be imported during the current financial year:

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)

DAP	—	22.60
MOP	—	19.65
SOP	—	0 59
NPK	—	1 54

NDDB STC coordination in edible oils

189 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the NDDB and the STC have decided to coordinate their activities relating to edible oil business in the country including market intervention operation, marketing of oils under the Public Distribution System and its import;

(b) whether Government have allowed the above coordination;

(c) if so, the details thereof together with the terms of the Memorandum of understanding signed by the two Organisations in this regard; and

(d) to what extent it has helped in reducing the prices of edible oils and also increasing the availability of the edible oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTILAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Memorandum of Underanding was signed between the National Dairy Development Board and the State Trading Corporation at their level.

(c) The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding is coordinate the working of NDDB and STC in edible oils The salient provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding are as under —

(i) *Market Intervention Operation (MIO)*: While NDDB cannot share the responsibility of undertaking market intervention operations with STC, it would welcome STC assistance in strengthening these operations. To this extent STC could undertake marketing of oilseeds/oils other than groundnut and mustard oils in a manner that does not adversely affect the market intervention operations of NDDB

(ii) *Public Distribution System (PDS)*: STC can play an increasing role in the PDS by marketing edible oil in consumer packs. The two organisations will complement each other's efforts to this extent.

(iii) *Import of edible oils for MIO.* While STC will import edible oils for MIO, it will do so on NDDB's behalf and will charge NDDB its bare minimum costs.

(d) The objective of the Memorandum of Understanding is to clarify the respective roles of NDDB and STC with regard to operations in the edible oil sector. Increase in the availability of edible oil and reduction in the prices of edible oil is determined by the amount of indigenous oil available in the country and import of edible oil, subject to availability of foreign exchange.

Development of tourist spots in Uttar Pradesh

190 KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places of tourist interest both for foreign and Indian tourists which are proposed to be developed during the current year in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) the details of the facilities proposed to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI USHA SINGH): (a) and (b) The development of places of tourist interest is primarily the responsibility of State Governments. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends financial assistance to States for strengthening of tourist infrastructure for specific proposals based on their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities. For the year 1990-91 the Ministry of Tourism has prioritised in consultation with the U.P. Government 29 projects for financial assistance which includes 22 schemes for wayside amenities, 3 schemes for tourist complexes and one scheme each for fast food counter, yatri niwas, forest lodge and sound & light show.

Names of model stations developed in U.P

191. KUMARI ALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the model railway stations which have been developed in U P during the last six months;

(b) what are the names of railway stations in U P. which have been identified for development during the next year,

(c) whether Government propose to provide more amenities for passengers at Faizabad railway station in U P ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS): (a) Meerut City, Lucknow (NR), Allahabad Jn , Moradabad Jn , Lucknow Jn (NER), Gorakhpur Jn., Kathgodam, Allahabad City and Agra Fort Jn , Railway Stations in Uttar Pradesh have been identified for development as Model Stations. Works in this regard at all these stations are in progress and are expected to be completed by middle of VIII Five Year Plan subject to availability of funds.

(b) Development of stations is a continuous process and the same is done as per norms, based on the volume of traffic dealt with, subject to availability of funds and relative needs of various other stations. Development works to be undertaken at various stations during 1991-92 are to be decided on the actual availability of funds.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Faizadabd Railway Station is being extensively developed at a cost of Rs. 2 51 crore.

Import of pulses

192. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state

(a) whether the prices of pulses have shown a steep rise during the current year; if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) what steps Government have taken to reduce their prices;

(c) whether Government propose to import pulses to bring down the prices, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY O F FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) The month-end Wholesale Price Index number of pulses as a whole moved from 212 4 in November, 1989 to 237 3 in November, 1990 registering an increase of 11.7 per cent. The increase is mainly due to the fact that domestic production has not kept pace with the domestic demand

(b) Government is regularly reviewing the prices Necessary measures have been taken to increase production of pulses in the country. Their availability is also being augmented by imports. The custom duty on pulses was reduced from 35 per cent to 10 per cent from 1-11-1989 so that the prices of pulses are also brought down.